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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Shelby, N. C.

My faith looks up to Thee, Saviour divine; As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee, pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire! —Palmer

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Van H. Ramsey, Editor

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## SOME THINGS I WANT TO SAY!

First, thank you to the many who had anything to do with my receiving this years D S A from our Jaycees. I'm sure this is the single greatest honor in my life. I hasten to say that it's easy to give one man the credit that's actually due to a great many. I completely understand this. No one has ever accomplished anything alone. I believe any leader, who is a leader at all, must know first that if anything is accomplished it certainly isn't due to his genius but instead by those who voluntarily and willfully follow his leadership. Each time I walk by the plaque that hangs in my office I am reminded of the hundreds of persons who put it there. I am grateful and hope it will bring honor to the Lord and this great and wonderful church.

Secondly, I'm grateful for the worshipful feeling that is generated in our services. I never explained why we decided to stop announcing the hymns during the morning worship hour. I'm grateful for your cooperation for no one has asked for an explanation but I'll give one anyway. First, I am of the firm conviction that we gather to worship God not to be entertained by the minister or the music. Secondly, since the hymn numbers and titles are printed in the order for worship, I felt it good to delete one of the voices, mine. I believe it creates a worshipful spirit for the organ to announce the hymns and the continuity in worship is worth it all. Being formal or informal never entered my mind.

I believe if worship is to be effective it must be sincere and meaningful. It cannot become merely a habit but will if not kept interesting. Each week brings it's own successes and failures. Each worship service should be designed to help meet such needs. The beauty of our worship should impress God, not ourselves.

Lastly, thank you for the obvious good spirit felt throughout our church. There is a bond of cooperation that is very evident.

## SENIOR HIGH CHOIR TO SING at Broughton Hospital

Our choir will sing a program for the patients at Broughton Hospital in Morganton Sunday afternoon February 2, at 2:30 P.M. We will have lunch at the church following worship and leave at 1:00. We will return to First Baptist at 4:30.

Our young people and adults who make this trip will be deeply enriched by this experience. Pray for them as they represent you.

## GENERATION SINGS FOR THE N. C. General Assembly

What a high honor for our girls to be invited to sing for this distinguished body of legislators. The girls sang a varied program of secular and sacred music and Susan McDonald gave a testimony of the influence Christ makes in the life of a young person. I was asked to speak briefly about our music ministry and how it involves young people.

At the beginning of the session a time is scheduled for entertainment. The Columbus Boys Choir furnished the entertainment on the last such occasion. We are thankful to the Honorable W. K. Mauney who extended the invitation in behalf of the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor. It was a pleasure to represent you and to have an opportunity to give a witness for our Lord to the elected officials of our state.

This has been nothing else but another extension of the ministry of this church.

## MUSIC AT EASTER

The combined Adult and Senior High Choirs will sing Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ." The Junior Choir will dramatize Caldwell's cantata, "I Will Follow Him."

## SING-OUT FOR FREEDOM Records Here

Please secure your recording soon. If you ordered a recording you should get it because we will soon sell the recordings first come first serve. They can be bought for \$3.00 in the music office of the music suite.

## CHURCH MUSIC WEEKS at Ridgecrest

There will be two weeks this year, June 12-18, June 19-25. During the first week the large choir will sing "A German Requiem", by Brahms, conducted by Cecil J. Riney, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. During the second week the choir will sing Beethoven's "The Mount of Olives", conducted by Thomas Mills, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

It has been said that music week at Ridgecrest is a heavenly experience because of its joyous music. Plan to attend one of the two weeks.



**SENIOR HIGH CHOIR TOURS**  
The Gulf of Mexico  
August 2-9

A five state tour is being planned this year which will use as its route, The Gulf of Mexico. These tours have paid great dividends in recent years. These dividends have shaped the lives of young people and served as a great influence to parents. It has helped our church to have one of the most accomplished Senior High Choirs anywhere. We can take up to 45 persons with us.

I'm very grateful for the cooperation received throughout the year in attendance and alertness, etc. If you aren't in the choir, the opportunity is yours. We will expect more and more from each person as we approach August.

Two years ago we toured the mid-west and last year the southeast, so this year it will be the deep south. Don't let the bus leave you here.

**MUSIC WITH CHILDREN**  
in the Church

A one day conference for all workers in all the organizations who help children with music will be held at the Viewmont Baptist Church Hickory, Thursday March 27th. Conference times are 10:00-12:00 A.M. and 7:30-9:30 P.M. Both conferences are the same. Saxe Adams of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is one of the Outstanding Children's Music Consultants in the nation. He will equip you with a great deal of "how-to-do-it" in this short time. Our department will arrange transportation. This conference is for Sunday School, Church Training, Music Program, and Sunbeams.

**CHOIR FESTIVALS AT OUR CHURCH**

On Monday February 24, our church will host the regional choir festivals sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Baptist State Convention.

The Junior Choirs will sing at 5:00, and the Young Peoples Choirs and Adult Choirs will sing at 7:30. This year our Junior, Junior High, Senior High and Adult Choirs will participate.

A panel of judges will adjudicate each choir not against each other but against an established standard. The public is invited.

**N. C. BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE**  
to be organized

This is something new for North Carolina Baptist Church Musicians. Heretofore the Religious Educators and Musicians have been one organization. On February 17th, at the First Baptist Church in Durham, this new conference will be organized. Rev. J. O. Stroud, Secretary of the Church Music Department at our State Convention and his associate Rev. Charles Gatwood, are deserving of a sincere word of appreciation for their efforts in this direction throughout the years. It is my plan to attend at least part of this, the first meeting of its kind in North Carolina.

**A NEW PROGRAM BY**  
**First Baptists Singing Young People**  
"A BETTER LIFE"

Rehearsals begin February 6th in the dining hall at 5:30-7:00. All grades 7-12 are invited. This program will be entirely evangelistic. Two collections are being combined. The text of the theme is as follows: "I sometimes wonder what this life holds for me. If there's a better way, then where can it be? So many questions come to trouble me so. So many things I need to know. Tell me where did I come from? And where am I going? And why am I here please God! I wish that I knew! I look about me and I see everywhere. A thousand things that tell me God put them there. How can I find Him? Someone please tell me now. I think I'll pray and ask Him how. I've found a better life now. It wasn't so far away. I'm gonna be all right now. The Saviour has heard me pray. I've got so much to live for, knowing the Lord. Now I know where I'm going. He promised He'll take me there. I wish that you'd come with me. He's waiting to hear your prayer. You'll find a life worth living, knowing the Lord".

**SUNDAY ANTHEMS THROUGH APRIL**

Our two Sunday morning worship choirs are busily engaged in preparing some of the most beautiful music ever sung. In the next three months you will hear the following: I Will Extol Thee, Angell: The Heavens Resound, Beethoven: Onward, Ye Peoples! Sibelius: O God Our Help in Ages Past, Bolks (with congregation): Wake, Awake, Christiansen: Come, Come Ye Saints, Robertson: How Great Thou Art, Hine: My Eternal King, Marshall: The Prologue and Resurrection, from of Time and Eternity. Climaxing Easter Sunday morning is Thomas Cousins, Glorious Everlasting.

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